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cc: [initials]
 Hon. Clark M. Clifford, Chairman
 President's Foreign Intelligence
 Advisory Board
 Executive Office Building
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Clark:

This letter will acknowledge your communications of June 6th asking for annual reports on the "intelligence and related activities of the Central Intelligence Agency" and on the "coordination of the U.S. foreign intelligence effort." I am gratified that the Board has requested these reports as I believe through them the Board can gain a more thorough understanding of these areas of activities within the intelligence community than is now possessed by the Board. Also I hasten to add that it is my opinion that the Board's penetrating studies of the intelligence community activities have placed it in a position of being very well informed.

I believe the reports, which undoubtedly you would make available to the President and his immediate staff together with your Board's comments, will be informative and helpful to him. Both CIA and the intelligence community will benefit by the penetrating re-examination and re-audit of our internal affairs which will be required to adequately respond to your request.

In the interest of preparing reports most useful to you and the Board from the standpoint of both format and content, I suggest that you and I meet at an early date so that you can communicate your views in this respect to me. Also, I believe it would be most useful if you suggest to Mr. Ceyne that he meet with us from time to time throughout the summer in the interest of developing reports most useful for your purpose.

Sincerely,

Signed: JOHN A. McCONE

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